

REMARKS

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement between Group I, claims 1-8, and Group II, claims 9-10.

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-8), without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

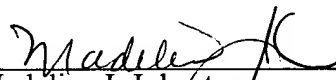
Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 299002052000. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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